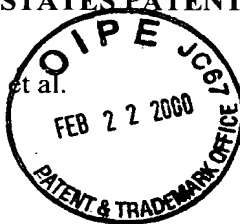


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SUPPORTS IN THE SAID PROCESS

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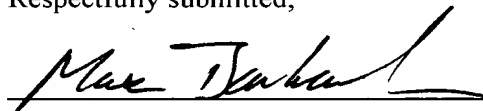
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the final Office Action dated August 23, 1999, be extended for a period of 3 month(s) from December 23, 1999 to and including February 23, 2000.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$760.00. A one-month extension of time fee of \$110.00 was previously paid with the filing of a Final Amendment filed on December 22, 1999. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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